

APRIL 2021

THE FIG LEAF

Fig Garden Woman's Club Newsletter
Established in 1921



Important Dates & Events

- Cinema Group - April 9, 10 am
- April General Session/Social - April 14, 11:30 am (outdoors)
- Spring Bingo Fling - April 24, 11:30 am (outdoors)
- Fig Leaf submission deadline - April 30
- Board Meeting - May 3, 9:30 am
- May General Session/Social - May 12, 11:30 am



Executive Officers

- President:** Irene Wiegand
- 1st Vice President:** Jennifer Huelskamp
- 2nd Vice President:** Marsha Wagner
- 3rd Vice President:** Kathleen Dennen
- Recording Secretary:** Nancee Smith
- Corresponding Secretary:** Pam Cowling
- Treasurer:** Susan Simpson
- Assistant Treasurer:** Allison Alexander

Appointed Officers

- Parliamentarian:** Mary Vaughan
- Historian:** Mariann Powell
- Emblems:** Joyce Hughes
- Auditors:** Janelle Dunn and Sandra Knudson
- District Representatives:** Ann Caldwell and Margaret Nordstrom
- Endowment:** Janelle Dunn
- Fig Leaf Editor:** Suzanne Crosina-Sahm

President's Message



Irene Wiegand

Dear Members,

Welcome, April, and Happy Easter! By the time you receive this newsletter, Easter will already be behind us, and hopefully, it was a good one.

April is membership dues and Past Presidents month at Fig Garden Woman's Club. Our April 14 meeting will once again be held outside on the front lawn for those who can attend. Won't it be nice to see each other again? Please remember to wear a mask even if you are vaccinated. The meeting will begin at 11:30 and will be kept short. We will not be congregating in the clubhouse but will be handing out a snack bag for you to enjoy.

Susan Simpson will be collecting membership dues at the meeting. They are \$200 and can be taken care of by either check or credit card. I'd like to remind you that dues must be paid by June 30 to avoid termination.

We will also be honoring our past presidents. There are 13 past presidents in our membership: Doris Rahn, Linda Lucido, Midge Barrett, Martha Stewart, Margaret Nordstrom, Carrol McCrumb, Ellie Craig, Jean Thompson, Juliette Hammel, Monica Balch, Suzanne Swanson, Maureen Boyle, and Janelle Dunn. If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me and let me know.

On Saturday, April 24, there will be a special event, "Spring Bingo Fling." Carrol McCrumb is organizing this event, and you may reach out to her for any questions. The cost is \$20. She will be collecting at the meeting on April 14.

Our May meeting will not be decided until we know more from the CDC about the Covid-19 restrictions. We will let you know.

I hope to see you on April 14!

Irene



Directory Update



Please note that Pam Henderson's new married name is Pam Cowling and her new email address is: 2pamcowling@gmail.com



Fig Garden Woman's Club Board Meeting Minutes March 1, 2021

Attendees:

President, Irene Wiegand
Vice President, Jennifer Huelskamp
Second Vice President, Marsha Wagner
Recording Secretary, Nancee Smith
Treasurer, Susan Simpson
Parliamentarian, Mary Vaughan
Auditor: Sandra Knudson
District Representative, Ann Caldwell
Club Development, Carrol McCrumb
Membership: Kim Gould
Web Administrator, Barbara Moen
Get Acquainted Coffee, Linda Lucido
Dottie Troisi
Louise Armstrong
Monica Balch
Judy Irvine
Betty Conner

President Irene Wiegand called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Irene is on crutches due to a skiing accident and is dealing with a broken tibia but is so glad to be together for this board meeting. Hands were raised for those that have received their vaccinations. Irene brought to attention that there is an agenda that we will be following today.

Vice President Jennifer Huelskamp wanted to recognize Pamela Cowling and Barbara Moen for the wonderful decorations and for providing the festive snacks. There are several spots to be filled for Snack Providers. Several people raised their hands to participate.

Recording Secretary Nancee Smith provided copies of last month's minutes. There was a correction to the minutes from Amenities Chairperson Pamela Cowling. Amenities has spoken with the family members of our three members that have recently passed away. Member Kay Kaia will be celebrating her 100th birthday alongside the FGWC this year.



March 1, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes, continued

Treasurer Susan Simpson reported that the B of A checking balance is \$31,063.86. Our current assets are \$128,541.82. (This includes checking, Endowment, Building Maintenance fund and Memorial Building fund). We received 67 End of Year donations totaling \$12,250.00. We have also received \$1250.00 for the use of our Clubhouse parking lot.

Correspondence Secretary Pamela Cowling stated that we received one newsletter and one donation request. We also received a beautiful thank you note from Mariann Powell. Lillian Macias Weiland will be taking over as Correspondence Secretary in the upcoming season.

President's Report: President Irene Wiegand announced that there will be an in-person board meeting and an in-person general meeting next month. The general meeting will be held in the front yard on April 14, 2021, at 11:30 am. There will be a drive-thru to collect the club dues. Club dues are due June 30, 2021 and are \$200.00. Ann Caldwell asked if the phone committee should be reminding people about the meeting. Irene agreed and Ann will be contacting telephone chairperson Nancy Gilgen. No one has been inside the clubhouse so there has been no need to clean it. Irene thanked Pamela Cowling and Barbara Moen for decorating and for providing the snacks.

District Report: Ann Caldwell announced that the District cancelled their April 22, 2021, meeting. It will be replaced by a Zoom meeting also on April 22, 2021, at 10 a.m. This will be a first ever Birthday Meeting. Every club president in our District will give a brief presentation about her club, when it was formed, why it was formed and how old it is. The District will present every club president with \$25.00 as a birthday gift to give to her favorite service project. All FGWC members will be invited to attend the special Zoom event.

Our District is close to having a Facebook page where information like the above will be available as well as the District newsletter. The title of the Facebook page will be San Joaquin Valley District Women's Club. The District email address is womenofSJVD@gmail.com. Please be sure to sign up for QuickBytes, the State Newsletter, which is sent by email weekly. In the current edition are the details of a series of 10 workshops which will be held by Zoom, covering topics from finance to creating procedure books to journaling and many more.

Auditors Report: Auditors Sandra Knudson and Janelle Dunn reported that on February 16, 2021, they reviewed all the bank statements and other documents and found that there are no issues to be corrected. Everything is in good shape. Their report has been submitted to President Irene Wiegand. This covers July 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.

Historian: Mariann Powell was not available.

Endowment: Janelle Dunn reported that there will be one more meeting this year. It will be scheduled in the next couple of months.



March 1, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes, continued

Amenities: President Irene Wiegand mentioned that she would like to have at least six more volunteers to make this committee bigger. There are lots of hours spent taking care of our members. Pamela Cowling is willing to tutor those that join. Irene Wiegand, Marsha Wagner, Judy Irvine, Shirley Zaver and Ann Caldwell all volunteered. Lillian Macias Weiland will be taking over as Corresponding Secretary for the upcoming season. The Amenities chair still needs to be filled. A meeting will be held for new committee members to advise them how to proceed. Pamela Cowling stated that her report will be in the newsletter.

Clubhouse Usage: Barbara Moen received a Facebook request to use the clubhouse for a small funeral. The request has been sent to Clubhouse Usage chairperson, Maggie Thompson.

Grounds: Chairperson Dottie Troisi stated that she comes to the clubhouse every other week to keep the grounds tidy and looking nice for us. Vice President Jennifer Huelskamp inquired if there are plaques to purchase for new trees. Dottie Troisi stated that she will be putting a plan together for the plaques and will proceed from there. Possible fundraisers include selling plaques or bricks. Monica Balch stated that the plaques fall off the trees and there could be a better way to display these. Sandra Knudson mentioned a small wooden sign in front of the tree instead of attaching it to the tree. A memorial wall was suggested by Kim Gould. Dottie Troisi mentioned that there are some lights out that need to be repaired. Irene Wiegand gave permission to Dottie Troisi to make these repairs. There was a suggestion for club artists to create some possible concepts to choose from for the Memorial Wall.

Membership: Kathy Dennen was not in attendance. President Irene Wiegand stated that if there are new members there will be introductions at the general meetings in April and May. Dues currently are \$200. We currently have 172 paid members.

Memorial Building Fund: Chairperson Janelle Dunn stated that we received one donation last month for \$50.00.

Preservation and Planning: Committee member Monica Balch inquired if Preservation and Planning should be involved with the plaques. We will be losing Chairperson Jean Thompson as she is moving to Delaware.

Scholarships: Chairperson Louise Armstrong has been in communication with City College for the list of eligible recipients for the scholarships. The students are in the process of submitting their applications. There is an extra \$500 scholarship in the account that was not awarded because the student that was to receive it dropped out. Another student has been suggested by the college and the name of this student has been sent to Louise Armstrong to receive the extra scholarship: she is graduating in December.



March 1, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes, continued

Web Administer/Facebook: Chairperson Barbara Moen noted that Facebook currently has 379 likes, up two from last month. Facebook Followers are at 410, up four from last month. Instagram has 191 followers; up three from last month. FGWC Website has 39 users, which is the same as last month. For about two weeks there have been random messages in the comment section that do not pertain to the site. These have been moved to Junk.

Clubhouse Usage: Barbara Moen received a Facebook request to use the clubhouse for a small funeral. The request has been sent to Clubhouse Usage chairperson, Maggie Thompson.

100 Year Celebration: Chairperson Lynn Baldwin was not in attendance. The celebration has been postponed until Fall. Members have been receiving emails regarding beautifying the park at the corner of Van Ness Boulevard and Palm Avenue.

Movie Review: The April 9, 2021 discussion will be about Golden Globe award winner “Nomadland.” This movie is available to watch on Hulu. Please let Becky Morlock know if you will attend.

Book Talk and Knitting & Needles: Ann Caldwell asked if we are able to meet in the clubhouse to resume the other section activities. President Irene Wiegand stated that we are back on track and to use the Clubhouse.

Other Business: Carrol McCrumb and Betty Conner came up with the wonderful idea of a Spring Bingo Fling on Saturday, April 24, 2021. The idea is to have tables outside and serve lunch: Salad, pinwheel sandwiches and dessert. Carrol and Betty will be putting together a committee. The cost will be \$20 per person. Raffle tickets will be \$10 each. Members and friends are welcome. Ann Caldwell reminded us that we need to be cognizant of our younger members that are not yet vaccinated and we will still need to wear our masks and social distance.

Announcements: The next board meeting will be in person on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse, with masks and social distancing. There will be a general meeting outside on the lawn, on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.

President Irene Wiegand motioned to adjourn this meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted March 22, 2021

Nancee Smith, Recording Secretary

Fig Garden Woman's Club

Cinema Group

Becky Morlock, Chair



Hello FGWC friends:

The "Movie Review" will be meeting this month at the clubhouse on Friday, April 9 at 10:00 am. We will be discussing the movie "Nomadland." It stars Frances McDormand as a woman who leaves home to travel around the American West, and the film recently won Golden Globes for Best Picture and Best Director.

You can find "Nomadland" by streaming it on Hulu. For those wishing to join in the film discussion, please email me at msfifi@aol.com. Please bring your opinions, positive or negative. We can meet in the clubhouse now, or patio if the weather is nice.

Thank you kindly,
Becky (Cinema) Morlock
msfifi@aol.com (559) 696-9594



Spring Bingo Fling

Carrol McCrumb, Chair

Dear FGWC ladies and friends,

Mark your calendars for a fun, new event on April 24 at 11:30 am. We are going to have a Bingo party at the club outside on our front lawn and the patio. We are calling it our *Spring Bingo Fling*.

Join your friends, play Bingo and enjoy lunch. The cost will be \$20 a person, and there will be bingo prizes and a raffle. Tickets will be available for purchase at the April meeting.

Carrol McCrumb



San Joaquin Valley District Convention

Ann Caldwell, San Joaquin Valley District

The San Joaquin Valley District Women's Club Convention will be held via Zoom on April 22 at 10 am. We will forward the District Newsletter to our members as soon as we receive it. The newsletter will include a lot of great information and details including how to log on and attend the District Convention.

This will replace the District Luncheon and Art Event previously planned for April.



Centennial Celebration

Lynn Baldwin, Centennial Celebration Chair

Mark your calendars for October 18-24th because Fig Garden Woman's Club will be celebrating our 100-year anniversary with a week filled with fun festivities!

We have decided to delay our celebration to this fall to ensure that we are able to celebrate safely without fear of spreading the Covid-19 virus.

Stay tuned for details to follow in the coming weeks.

Sending a big thank you out to the following ladies who have offered to decorate a specific decade vignette table for our 100-year anniversary celebration:

- 1920s- Jennifer Huelskamp and Irene Wiegand
- 1930s- Sandra Knudsen and ?
- 1940s- Carrol Mccrumb and Lisa Jelinek
- 1950s- Vanda McArthur and Becky Morlock
- 1960s- Debbie Reuland and Judy Gregerson
- 1970s- Marla Speechly, Midge Barrett and Lee Leone
- 1980s- Megan Thompson and Shirin Assemi
- 1990s- Marsha Wagner and ?
- 2000s- Jessica Vivid and ?
- 2010s to present- Hope Rosky and Cynthia Rathwick

If you would like to help or add anything to one of these decade vignette tables, please call the person associated with the specific decade table.





Celebrating Our Club's Rich History

Thank you to Dr. Susan Pappas for sending this clip from an article published in The Fresno Bee on February 22, 1925!

The story features photos of ladies who were members at the time and states "The members of the Fig Garden Woman's Club entertained at a costume dance on Friday evening in the auditorium at Bullard School."



Membership

Kathy Dennen, Membership Chair

Dear Members,

It's been quite some time since we've been able to get together and introduce our friends and other prospective members to the wonderful women in our club. Now that members are starting to get vaccinated and carefully gather, I encourage you to start thinking about your friends and family members who might be interested in membership in Fig Garden Woman's Club.

The April meeting or the Bingo Spring Fling provide the perfect opportunities to show prospective members how much fun we have. Please consider inviting a friend or two to join us!

Kathy



Our Club Website at Your Fingertips

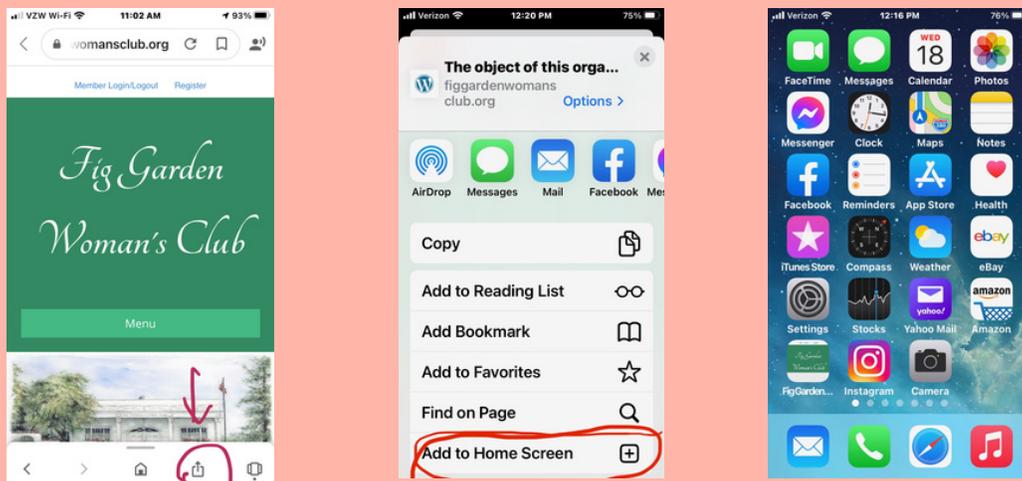
Barb Moen, Website and Social Media Chair

At the last board meeting, the members expressed interest in us providing the directions on how to add the FGWC icon on members' phone or tablet.

For those of you with Apple IOS devices:

1. Bring up the FGWC website on your phone's or iPad's internet browser.
2. At the bottom of the page you see a square with arrow pointing up. Click on it.
3. Click on "Add to Home Screen".

That's it! You're done. Just click on the icon whenever you want to check the webpage.



For Android devices:

1. Bring up the FGWC website on your phone's internet browser.
2. Touch the apps icon to display the apps drawer.
3. Long press the app icon you want to add to your home screen
4. Drag the app to the home screen page, lifting your finger to place the app

If you have any questions, I'd be happy to walk you through it or show you at the April meeting.

Happy Spring!

Barb





April Amenities Report for March 2021 Activities

Chairs: Pam Cowling and Lillian Macias Weiland

CARDS

Fifteen “Birthday” cards: Judith Boro, Blake Casares, Carolyn Garrett, Mary Ann Hendrickson, Charlotte Hirasuna, Pat Hunter, Valerie LeMay, Linda Lucido, Debbie Reuland, Karen Shepard, Nancee Smith, Karen Smith-Maroot, Cyndi Vanderhorst, Barbara Wiedel, and Shirley Zavar

One “Congratulations” card: Lorene Vaillancour Sorensen – Life Member celebrating 30+ years with our club

One “Get Well Soon” card: Pam Thomas

Seven “Thank You for Being Kind” cards: Barb Moen, Dottie Troisi, JoAnne Prickett, Donna Strickler, Karen Tozlian, Mary Vaughan, and Audrey Ward

Eight “Thinking of You” cards: Liz Looney, Vanda McArthur, Mariann Powell, Sue VanDoren, Jessica Vived, Pam Vogel, Marsha Wagner, and Sharon Walker

Two “Sympathy” cards: JoAnne Prickett, and Hope Rosky

Eight “We Miss You” cards (to prior members): Keely Coyle, Kristi Emo, Jane Fisher, Amanda Leech, Lori Norman, Donna Silecchio, Jan Worrel, and Nancy Yung

VISITS & PHONE CALLS

One “Sweet Surprise” was delivered to: Shirley Zaver

One “Random Act of Kindness” blessed: Our “SHINE” young ladies

Various “Phone Calls and Visits” were made to several club members

“Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat.”

– Laura Ingalls Wilder



Pam (559) 772-2812 and Lillian (559) 906-1860

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*to our members
born in*

April!



3 Dolores Monahan

4 Becky Morlock

7 Marla Speechly

8 Lisa Woolf

9 Elizabeth Rush

9 Lynn Simpson

10 Pam Alexander

14 Suzanne Crosina-Sahm

24 Valerie Holmes

26 Doris Rahn

28 Lisa Jelinek

